

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This Amendment is submitted pursuant to a telephonic conference between the Examiner and the Applicants' representative, Justin Dillon, on November 14, 2005. Claims 1, 5, 8, 11, and 13-16 have been amended, no claims have been added or canceled by this amendment. Accordingly, claims 1-6 and 8-16 remain currently pending in the above-identified patent application. Applicants submit that no new matter has been added by this amendment and respectfully request reconsideration of all pending claims in light of the amendments and remarks made herein.

Formal Matters

In the above-referenced Examiner interview teleconference, the Examiner objected to dependent claims 5, 11, and 15 as being dependent upon rejected base claims but otherwise allowable over the references of record and further issued a provisional obviousness-type double patenting rejection of all of Applicants' claims over United States Patent 6,957,351 issued to Emberty, et al. (hereinafter "*Emberty*").

In response to the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter and provisional rejection, Applicants have amended claims 1, 8, and 13 herein, made additional non-substantive amendments to claims 5, 11, and 14-16, and submitted herewith a terminal disclaimer as per the Examiner's request. Applicants therefore respectfully submit that all of the Examiner's rejections are overcome and that all claims, as amended herein, are allowable.

CONCLUSION

In light of the amendments and remarks made herein, Applicants submit that all pending claims are allowable and respectfully solicit a notice thereof.

Applicants have submitted herewith a Terminal Disclaimer under 37 C.F.R. §1.321 in response to a provisional obviousness-type double patenting rejection and as per the Examiner's request. Please charge the required Terminal Disclaimer fee of \$130.00 to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 09-0449.

No extension of time is believed to be necessary for the submission of the paper. However, in the event an extension of time is required, that extension of time is hereby requested. Please charge any fee(s) associated with any extension of time as well as any other fees necessary to further the prosecution of the above-identified application and credit any overpayments to IBM CORPORATION'S Deposit Account No. 09-0449.

Respectfully submitted,



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